constituted a committee comprising DGM (Operations) and DGM (Quality Control) to investigate the matter. Suitable necessary action would be taken after the matter has been enquired into.

Oil Refinery near Allahabad

1671. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the proposed refinery in Lohgada (near Allahabad) has started; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the work is likely to start; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR) : (a) Land has been acquired and walled-off but construction is yet to begin.

(b) and (c) As at present, the implementation of the refinery project for Uttar Pradesh is slated to be taken up after completion of the Central India Refinery Project at Bina (Madhya Pradesh). The scheduled completion of Central India Refinery Project is projected in 2009-10.

Reserve fund with oil corporations

1672. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector oil corporations *viz.*, ONGC, Indian Oil, HPCL and BPCL, have been operating profitably;

(b) if so, the corporation-wise details of gross and net profit earned both in absolute term and percentage of turnover year-wise, since 2001-02 upto 2004-05 alongwith percentage of profit disbursed as dividend and volume thereof in absolute term and portions of profit transferred to reserve fund;

(c) the indentities of the top ten recipients of dividends year-wise, indicating percentage of total dividend received by each and its volume on each occasion; and